



NEWS RELEASE
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United States Attorney Deborah R. Gilg, and the Omaha Office of Immigration and Custom Enforcement, announce the following information for the attention of the media:

Event Triggering this Release:

For having used someone else's identification to obtain employment at Fremont Beef, Rosa Retana-Vargas was sentenced by the Honorable Joseph Bataillon, Chief United States District Judge, to serve 5 months in prison, which will be followed by a 3 year term of Supervised Release, and to pay a \$100 Special Assessment.

On March 9, 2010, agents of Immigration and Customs Enforcement, (ICE), entered the Fremont Beef plant in Fremont upon reports of workers using fraudulent identifications. ICE agents were aware of an FTC report indicating that one of the workers was utilizing the name and Social Security number of a specific person. Upon contacting the worker using that name, agents determined the worker's true identity to be Rosa Retana-Vargas. Retana-Vargas is a national and citizen of Mexico who had entered the United States illegally. While in ICE custody, Retana-Vargas was fingerprinted and confirmed to be Retana-Vargas. In October of 2008, Retana-Vargas used a phony Minnesota identification card and a Social Security card not assigned to her to gain employment at Fremont Beef.

Name of Defendant: Rosa Retana-Vargas

AKA: Elisa Valdivia, Lourdes Manzanares de Gonzalez

Age: 33

City of Residence: Durango, Mexico

Crime(s) Charged and Potential Penalty (A CHARGE is merely an accusation and every defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty): Document Fraud carries not more than 5 years in prison, not more than a \$250,000 fine, not more than 3 yrs term of Supervised Release, and a \$100 Special Assessment.

Specific Location of Alleged Crime: Fremont Nebraska

Location of Arrest: Fremont Nebraska

Alleged Dollar Loss/Type and Quantity of Drug: n/a

Others Charged in Same Scheme: n/a

Relevant Dates:

Date of Alleged Crime: October 22, 2008

Federal Arrest Date: March 9, 2010

Date Complaint Issued: n/a

Indictment Returned Date: March 17, 2010

Initial Appearance Date: March 24, 2010

Plea Date(s): July 7, 2010

Sentencing Date: August 6, 2010

Next Court Hearing Type and Date: n/a

Assigned Magistrate Judge: Hon. Thomas Thalken

Held without Bond: Yes

In Continuous Custody Since: March 9, 2010

Assigned District Court Judge: Hon. Joseph Bataillon

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